

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

The Judgment Seat of Christ – Addendum 12

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The book of Revelation is among the most disputed books in the Bible in theological circles, and this is largely because it is a book of prophecy and future events. This is very common when it comes to any doctrinal study of prophecy, the last days, and the events surrounding the end of the world (eschatology), because each interpreter views the same scriptural details from a personal bias that causes them to make grievous errors that lead into wildly differing beliefs, views, and corrupt doctrines that will never glorify God. What a true Bible student ought to do is let the Bible be the boss and let it speak for itself. When this happens, one will become a true Bible-believer, rightly divide the scripture (2 Tim. 2:15), compare scripture with scripture (1 Cor. 2:13; Is. 28:9-10, 13), and understand the deep things of God (1 Cor. 2:10)!

The same disputations occur when it comes to the Judgment Seat of Christ and the Great White Throne Judgment. While many that hold to Covenant Theology or Reformed Theology views believe there is only one final judgment for all believers and unbelievers at the Great White Throne, the Bible clearly declares that these two judgments are separate and distinct from each other. All we need to do is approach the word of God with a humble and teachable heart attitude, compare scripture with scripture, and believe what it says. If we are willing to do this, the word of God will change our lives today for all eternity to the glory of God!

1. THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST vs. THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT

	THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST	THE GREAT WHITE THRONE
1	It is specifically called the judgment seat of Christ (2 Cor. 5:10; Rom. 14:10)	It is described as a judgment with a great white throne (Rev. 20:11)
2	It takes place after the rapture of the church (1 Thess. 4:13-18; Rev. 4:1-2; 19:7-8)	It takes place outside of space and time after the final rebellion against Jesus Christ in the millennial kingdom (Rev. 20:7-11)
3	Born-again believers are judged (Rom. 14:7-12; 2 Cor. 5:10-11; 1 Cor. 4:1-5; 3:11-15)	The dead in death, hell, and the sea are judged (Rev. 20:12-13)
4	It is a judgment of stewardship resulting in rewards and future responsibilities in the Millennial Kingdom (1 Cor. 3:10-15; Lk. 19:11-27; 2 Jn. 1:8)	It is a judgment of sin and works according to book of books resulting in life or the second death/lake of fire (Rev. 20:12-15)

2. THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

- a. All born again believers will be judged before the Lord Jesus Christ for their personal _____ – Rom. 14:7-12; 2 Cor. 5:10-11; 1 Cor. 4:1-5; 3:10-15
- i. The _____ – 1 Thess. 2:4; 1 Cor. 9:16-17; 11:1
- ii. The _____ of the Lord – Jn. 4:34; 15:8, 16; 17:4-20; 1 Cor. 15:58; 2 Tim. 2:2
- iii. The _____ of God – 1 Cor. 4:1-2
1. God manifest in the flesh – 1 Tim. 3:16
 2. The church as one body in Christ – Eph. 3:1-12
 3. Christ indwelling the believer – Col. 1:27
 4. The restoration of the nation of Israel – Rom. 11:25
 5. The rapture of the church – 1 Cor. 15:51; 1 Thess. 4:13-18
 6. The mystery of iniquity – 2 Thess. 2:7
 7. The mystery of BABYLON THE GREAT – Rev. 17:5
- b. The Lord Jesus Christ, with eyes as a flame of _____, will try every person's work: the wood, hay, and stubble will burn away while the gold, silver, and precious stones remain – 1 Cor. 3:11-15

MATERIAL	SCRIPTURE	HOW THE MATERIAL IS MANIFESTED
Gold = Deity; worship of God	Ex. 25; Rev. 21; Ps. 19:10; Prov. 8:10, 19; Heb. 11:6; Rom. 10:17	Our personal worship of God; motives of the heart
Silver = Redemption; the Bible	Lev. 5:15; Ex. 30:13-15; Mt. 26:15; Ps. 12:6-7	Being a Bible-believer and an evangelist
Precious Stones = People	Mal. 3:17; Zech. 9:16; Prov. 31:10; 1 Thess. 2:19	Making disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ
Wood = Men	Jer. 5:14; Hag. 1:8; Mk. 8:24	Worship of self and other men / women
Hay = Riches & Prosperity	Is. 15:6; Prov. 27:25	Desire and love of money and prosperity
Stubble = The wicked	Mal. 4:1; Ps. 1:4	Making disciples of the flesh, the world, and the devil

- c. The gold, silver, and precious stones that remain after the material passes through the fire will be used for the crowns we will cast back to the Lord – Matt. 6:19-21; Rev. 4:10
 - i. **Crown of Righteousness:** For those that love the appearing of Christ – 2 Tim. 4:8
 - ii. **Crown of Life:** For those that endure temptations – Rev. 2:10; Jas. 1:12
 - iii. **Crown of Rejoicing:** For those that evangelize and disciple others – 1 Thess. 2:19; Phil. 4:1
 - iv. **Crown of Glory:** For godly leaders who lead God’s people – 1 Pt. 5:3-4
 - v. **Incorruptible Crown:** For those that do not yield to their lusts – 1 Cor. 9:25-27

3. HOW THIS SOUND DOCTRINE SHOULD DIRECT OUR DECISIONS...

- a. Do not wait until your personal judgment before the Lord Jesus Christ... judge your life daily with the _____ of God – 1 Cor. 11:31; 2 Cor. 5:8-11; Heb. 4:12-13; Jas. 1:22-25; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 1 Jn. 1:9
- b. Everything in life should be in the context of our _____ toward the Lord – Gal. 6:7-9; Prov. 11:18; 1 Cor. 4:1-5
 - i. Gold... *my personal worship of God and the motives of my heart*
 - ii. Silver... *my love for the word of God and the lost*
 - iii. Precious Stones... *my fruitfulness in making disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ*